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HONGKONG, May 15, 1894. 1515

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HONGKONG, October 23, 1894. 1711

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HONGKONG, November 5, 1894. 247

Intimations.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

VICTORIA REGATTA. THURSDAY & FRIDAY NEXT, 13th and 14th December, 1894.

ENTRANCES for the OPEN BOAT SAILING RACE should be sent in to the Hon. SECRETARY, accompanied by the launch necessary to transport the boat and crew, not later than 10.30 a.m., 11th Instant.

A GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURES have been erected on the PRINCE OF WALES RECLAMATION, from which a good view of the Regatta may be obtained. Admission by ticket only. LADIES cordially invited.

Tickets, \$1 each, obtainable either from the Club Steward or at the Gate.

The Ladies Prize will be presented on the FRIDAY, immediately after the Race, and the Prizes after the last race SECOND DAY.

E. D. SANDERS, Hon. Secretary, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, Hongkong, December 10, 1894. 2004

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon, TO-MORROW and FRIDAY, the 13th and 14th Instant, respectively.

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For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,' T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the 'Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd.,' CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,' GEO. W. F. PLATT, Esq., Chief Manager.

For the 'Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,' JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de L'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,' E. MAYER, Manager.

Hongkong, December 12, 1894. 1996

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Co., Ltd., General Managers.

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China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Wm. MACBRIAN, Agent.

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, December 12, 1894. 2002

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

Christmas 1894! New Year 1895!

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Hongkong, September 24, 1894.

MORE NOVELTIES.

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HONGKONG TRADING CO., No. 1 to 5, D'AGUIAR STREET. 1901

Hongkong, December 8, 1894.

W. POWELL & Co.

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DRESS MATERIALS, MILLINERY, FURS, JACKETS, GOLF CAPES, HATS, HOSIERY, CARPETS, TAPESTRIES, &c. &c. W. POWELL & Co. 1900

Hongkong, December 1, 1894.

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FOR LONDON via MARSEILLES, Canton, About 13th Dec. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI, Canton, Peninsular, About 14th Dec. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI AND KODGE, Peninsular, About 18th Dec. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c., Peninsular, About 20th Dec. See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN, &c., Peninsular, About 21st Dec. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c., Peninsular, About 24th Dec. Freight or Passage (calling at MARSEILLES, if sufficient inducement offered).

For further Particulars, apply to P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. R. JOSEPH, Superintendent, Hongkong, December 10, 1894. 2000

HONGKONG HOTEL.

BOARD and LODGING, from \$5.00 per day. HYDRAULIC LIFT to all Floors.

The Hotel Steam LAUNDRY conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

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BOARD and LODGING, from \$5.00 per month.

ROOMS TO LET on 2nd and 3rd Floors, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

Apply to R. TUOKEE, Manager, or R. LYALL, Secretary.

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"VINOLIA" IS A REFINED SOAP. It keeps the complexion fresh and clear.

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Intimations.

THE MOTHER OF REV. WM. THOW, deceased.

ALL DEBTS DUE to the Estate of the late Rev. WM. THOW, who died at Taiwan, Formosa, on the 24th day of June, 1894, must be PAID to the Underigned on or before the 31st day of JANUARY, 1895. And all Persons having CLAIMS on the said Estate are requested to send in Particulars to the Underigned on or before the said date.

THOMAS BAROLAY, Administrator.

Taiwan, Formosa, 7th December, 1894. 2005

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED, Hongkong, December 10, 1894. 2005

INDIAN CONDIMENTS.

THE BEST QUALITY!!

CHUTNIES. Per dozen. Rs. As.

Sliced, Sweet Sliced, Lucknow, Col. Skinner's, Calcutta, Club, Arrum, Major Grey's, United Service Club, Muz, Mada, Gah, Gah, Pindaroo, Bengal Club, Col. Goad, Cabool, Our Taste, in quart bottles 12 8

JELLIES. Guava, Sarsel, Mango, Coranda, in bottles 12 8

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PRESERVES. Spiced Mango, Pineapple, Emblic Myrabolan, Tamarind, Citron, Mango, Kewra, Raisin, Pulpul, Limes, Orange, in quart bottles 12 8

MARMALADES. Citron, Mango, Peel, Orange, in bottles 12 8

CHIESE. Guava, Peel, 1lb tin per dozen 10/- 2lb tin 16 0

SYRUPS. Lemon, Orange, Tamarind, Blackberry, Peel, Pineapple, Rose, Almond, Pomegranate, in quart bottles 12 8

PICKLES. Onion, Cabbage, Bombay Mango, Lime, Bamboo, Red Cabbage, Sweet Mango, Mango, Mixed, Cauliflower, Sweet Cauliflower, bottles 12 8

SAUCES. Tapp, Tanisto, Mango, Tomato, Volcanis, in pint bottles 10 0

CURRY POWDER & PASTE. Curry, Malabar, Madras, Mulligatawry, in quart bottles 12 8

LIME JUICE, &c. Pure Non-alcoholic Lime Juice, in bottles 9 8

Ground, Cayenne Pepper, White Pepper, Black Pepper, 1lb bottles 12 8

Nepaul Pepper Ground, 1/2 pint bottles 11 0

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Smoked Mango Fish with Rice, 50 0

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Corned Mutton in 20lb, 30lb and 50lb barrels—barrels free, per lb. 0 10

Corned Ox-tongue, 12lb in a barrel, per barrel 9 0

Smoked Ox-tongue, 6lb in a tin, per barrel 5 0

SPIROED & HUNTER'S BEEF. Spiced & Hunter's Beef—Rounds and Humps, weighing 4 to 14 lbs, packed in tin and lard—8 tin in a case, per lb. 0 14

DAILY BUTTER. Best Quality Dairy Butter (lightly salted) in 20lb barrels—per barrel 18 0

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Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT). The Co.'s Steamship, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARLICK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, December 12, 1894. 2010

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW. (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CANTON, HANKOW and ports on the YANGTZE.) The Co.'s Steamship, Captain H. W. HOBBS, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, December 11, 1894. 2007

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY. The Steamship, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, December 10, 1894. 1996

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. The Steamship, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, December 10, 1894. 1991

UNION LINE.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. The Steamship, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 5, 1894. 1975

WARRACK LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship, Captain J. C. HARRISON, will be despatched for the above Port on or about MONDAY, the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 5, 1894. 1965

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The 3/3 L. American Ship, Lucy A. Nichols, Captain Nichols, expected end of December, will load for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to STEINSEN & Co., Hongkong, November 24, 1894. 908

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 100 A.I. British Ship, Sierra Nevada, Captain Nichols, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1894. 1968

Intimations.

WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.

THIS Establishment, situated in the elegant Building known as "WINDSOR HOUSE," offers First-Class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers. Passenger Elevator from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendants.

Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.

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Dinner 7.00 p.m. ... 0 75

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Breakfast, Tea &

Triok Riding, and Mille. Annot's performance on the Tight Wire were very much appreciated, and the juggling Biquelotte of Skitaro. The String Band from a musical point of view is a decided improvement upon the brass, and the management are fortunate in having such an excellent leader in Mr. Bruce. Mention has before been made of the 'Overt Quadrilles', Mr. Lovett's 'Contortion Act', and the Educated Horse 'Debonair', suffice it to say that these performances were all up to their usual high standard.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the Grand Military Spectacle representing scenes in the China-Japan war, but more particularly the engagement at Pingyang. In the 'Storming of the Castle', the 'Taking of the Forts', etc., the Chinese army was victorious, to the great delight of the large assembly of Chinese; in fact, some of them got quite excited, and even stood upon their seats, and wanted the fort captured over again. Mr. J. Alden as the 'War Correspondent' was immensely funny, and Mr. Geo. Harmsen's wholesale slaughter of the Japanese army met with unbounded approval from the Chinese. The 'Battle of Pingyang' was fought at the matinee this afternoon, and will continue to be fought every evening until further notice. In all probability the Circus will leave for Manila by the 'Yusung' next week, as we advise those who have not yet seen it not to miss the opportunity.

TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'China Mail']

(Via Southern Line.)

THE CHINA JAPAN WAR.

London, 11th November, 1894. It is reported in Shanghai that the Japanese Government, before entertaining any proposals for peace, will insist on the surrender of the Chinese officials who offered a reward for Japanese heads during the progress of the war.

THE ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

The question of the joint action of the Powers concerning the recent Armenian atrocities is suspended, the Powers being inclined to wait further particulars.

THE GERMAN SOCIALISTS.

The Liberal papers prophesy a most emphatic rejection of Prince Hohenlohe's proposal to prosecute the Socialists who refused to rise when the Emperor was cheered at the opening of the Reichstag.

THE CHINESE LOAN.

The new Chinese loan has collapsed in London, the firm of Armstrong which was issuing it having withdrawn, because China was seeking to raise other loans elsewhere at a higher rate of interest.

ASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament has been summoned to assemble in February.

(From Le Courrier d'Haiphong.)

GROVER CLEVELAND AS PEACEMAKER.

Paris, Dec. 4. In his Message, President Cleveland declares that he will take every opportunity to bring about an amicable arrangement between China and Japan.

THE KAISER TO SQUELICH SOCIALISM.

Paris, Dec. 5. Emperor William, in his opening speech to the Reichstag, announced his intention to proceed against Socialism. He is more and more confident that the peace of Europe will be maintained. As on the occasion of the death of President Carnot, Germany has taken advantage of the death of the Czar to give evidence of her sympathy with other nations, thus proving the solidarity of human sentiment and the pacific wishes of all races.

A TREACHEROUS OFFICER.

Paris, Dec. 6. Capt. Dreyfus, who was arrested for revealing military secrets, will be taken before the Council of War on the 19th inst.

(From the 'Shanghai Mercury'.)

VIGOROUS MEASURES TO RESTORE INTERNAL ORDER IN KOREA.

Yokohama, December 4.—A telegram from Seoul, dated the 3rd inst., states that Count Ito, being vigorous measures to restore internal order in Korea, has appointed a military Governor. The Japanese have also been radical changes made in that department, as well as in the Interior, Justice, and Educational Body.

MARSHAL YAMAGATA INVITED.

Yokohama, December 4.—Marshall Yamagata, in such ill-health that it has been decided that he must be invalided. Lieutenant-General Nodzu has been promoted to General and assumed chief command of the First Army.

MESSAGE FROM THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

The Emperor's Chamberlain, with a gracious Imperial Message, has left for the front.

GOVERNOR OF PORT ARTHUR.

Captain Mura, of the cruiser Katsuragi, late Harbour Master of Suo, has been appointed Governor of Port Arthur.

LI HUNG-CHANG STILL RETAINS FULL POWER.

Yokohama, Dec. 5.—Li Hung-chang has been nominally stripped of other ranks and decorations, but he still retains full Vice-royal powers.

OFFICIAL DENIAL OF REPORTED PLAQUE IN AMOY.

The following letter, denying the existence of Plague cases in Amoy, has been forwarded to us for publication:—

Amoy Consulate, December 10th, 1894. Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on the night of the 8th I received a telegram from you stating that there was a rumour that plague had broken out at Amoy. I wired you a reply to the effect that I had not heard anything about it. I have since made inquiries of the Medical Officer of the port who informs me that the rumour is unfounded and that Amoy is free from plague. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, (Signed) C. T. GARDNER. The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Sir William Robinson presided. There were also present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General; Hon. N. G. Mitchell-Jones, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. E. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works; Hon. R. M. Ramsey, Harbour Master; Hon. C. R. Chater, Hon. E. Kewick, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. E. R. Bolitho, Hon. A. McConachie, and Mr. J. G. T. Buckle, Acting Clerk of Councils.

FINANCE BILL.

The Acting Colonial Secretary—I have to move the second reading of the Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Two Millions, Four hundred and One Dollar to the Public Service of the year 1895.' At the meeting of Council, your Excellency explained generally the financial position of the Colony and of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1895. I have the honour to state that the details of Revenue and Expenditure for 1895 are fully set forth in the papers in the hands of the members for the last few days. I do not intend to detain the Council with any remarks; and when the Bill has been read a second time I will move that it be referred to the Finance Committee. When it is being considered there, I shall be happy to answer any questions. Hon. Members may wish to ask or to afford any further information desired.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

The Bill was then referred to the Finance Committee.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TRADERS' TELEGRAMS.

Mr. A. McConachie moved the second reading of a Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to secure, in certain cases, the rights of property in telegraphic messages.' He said: Your Excellency—I beg to move the second reading of a Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to secure, in certain cases, the rights of property in telegraphic messages,' which was introduced and read a first time the last meeting of this Council. It is promoted by the Chamber of Commerce and Trade, and I am, but, although introduced by an individual member at the instance of an individual association, it is not a private Bill, but a Bill dealing with a subject of public and general importance, and it is so framed as to protect, not merely the rights of the Chamber of Commerce and Trade, but the rights of all persons who make it their business to provide news for the public. A simple statement of the cases that have led to its introduction will, I think, be a sufficient argument to induce reasonable members of the Council to assent to its principle and to allow it to be read a second time. Your Excellency is well aware that, for a long time past, all the telegrams and telegrams have been abundantly supplied by wire at their own risk and expense with the Chamber of Commerce and Trade, and the conduct of their business; the Government and the community generally have been entirely dependent on the Chamber of Commerce for whatever political and general intelligence has been received from Europe in advance of the public. The Chamber has been connected with the Agency for the supply of many of its telegrams per week, at a price, and recouped itself for the expense by subscriptions from its members, and others to whom it communicates all information received. The Government subsidizes a considerable sum for the supply to the heads of the various public departments of all telegrams received. It is a condition imposed on subscribers that they shall not make public, at least in the newspaper press, the intelligence so received for at least twenty-four hours after receipt, and its condition was also imposed on all the newspapers in the Colony as the condition on which they were supplied with the Chamber's telegrams. For some time this arrangement worked well, and subscribers possessed the advantage of having whatever news they were in need of at the earliest possible moment, and of the community generally. Latterly, however, the result, probably of competition, the newspapers began to disregard the limit imposed with the result that the intelligence brought into the Colony at considerable expense by the Chamber was made public in the shortest possible interval, and the subscribers have got little or nothing for their money. They have consequently partly ceased to support the Chamber and have in proportion discontinued their subscriptions and the Chamber is not now covered for its expenditure. If this continues the Chamber may have to give up the work and the Colony will be left without news, political and general, often of great importance to its welfare, for the existing newspapers are not supported, I fear, enough to have them keep up the supply of news by wire. The direct and immediate object of the Bill, then, is to obtain protection for the rights of property which the Chamber of Commerce has in the news it provides and pays for, and to enable it to safeguard those rights; but the Bill has been, as I said, so framed as to protect not merely the Chamber, but all persons, newspapers and associations who obtain or may hereafter obtain telegraphic news for sale to customers, as a matter of business. The protection is limited to the period of 48 hours from the date of the first publication of the telegrams, provided that that first publication is within 24 hours after the receipt in the Colony of the message; and section 4 provides that every telegraph, to entitle it to protection, shall state on its face the name of the person to whom it is sent in the Colony and of the first publication. Since the Bill was read a first time, I have had the privilege of the advice of the Hon. Attorney General and the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, and I have suggested certain amendments and I am now proposing to print the Bill in different parts. I hope Honorable members will find it convenient and intelligible. I now ask them, simply to affirm the principle of this Bill, and, as read a first time, grant it a second reading.

REGATTA NOTES.

In concluding my notes last week I said there was little likelihood of there being much change in the various crews before the Regatta. Little thought that even as I wrote the Great Mower had put in his side and removed from his midst a young oarsman whose absence changed almost entirely the whole of the Regatta arrangements. It was with profound regret all oarsmen heard of the death of Mr. E. A. Lammett, an oarsman and an all-round sportsman whom it was difficult to equal. Not only was 'Ernie' one of our many expert rowers, but he was an excellent cricketer, a capital football player, a strong runner and swimmer, and an enthusiastic Volunteer. It is only eighteen months ago since he carried off the Championship for cricketers. He only fitting that I should not forget to pay a tribute to such a man in my 'Notes'; it was pleasing to notice that his sporting companions, with whom he was exceedingly popular, attended the sad and solemn service at his grave to bid a last and adieu.

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